

**Reply under 37 CFR 1.116 — Expedited Procedure — Art Unit 3731  
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**Patent Application**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants respectfully petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office action dated November 13, 2009 for three (3) months from February 13, 2010 to May 13, 2010.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3), please treat this and any concurrent or future reply in this application that requires a petition for an extension of time for its timely submission as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time.

Respectfully,  
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